दिल्ली–ग्वालियर–भोपाल–इन्दौर–मुम्बई मार्ग पर इंडियन एयरलाइंस की उड़ान सेवा का संचालन

1374. श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग: क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली-ग्वालियर-भोपाल-इन्दौर-मुम्बई मार्ग पर इंडियन एयरलाइंस की उड़ान संख्या 433/434 इस समय रविवार और बुधवार को संचालित नहीं हो रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) क्या सरकार इन उड़ान सेवा को सप्ताह के सभी दिन संचालित करने का विचार रखती है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) बोइंग-737 प्रचालन कर्मीदल की उपलब्धता में कमी के कारण सेवा की आवृत्ति दैनिक से घटाकर सप्ताह में पांच बार कर दी गई थी।

(ग) प्रचालन संबंधी कठिनाईयों के कारण इस समय ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Improvement of air-line services

1375. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem which appear ed in the Indian Express (ND) dated the 11th June, 1993 under the caption "Foreig ners turn their back on India. All time low in tourism";

(b) whether it has been stated that one of the reasons for foreigners avoiding India is unreliable airlines service of the country; and

(c) if so, the steps Government proposes to take to improve the performance of domestic airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Indian Airlines has taken several steps towards improving Customer Service and on-time performance with special emphasis on tourist routes. These include convenient schedules on major routes, introduction of Business Class on A-(320, minimisation of schedule changes, introduction of point-to-point fares and creation of harmonious industrial relations climate.

Repairing of Private Air Taxis by Indian Airlines

1376. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Private Air Taxi operators from India have requested Indian Airlines to repair their aircraft on Dollar payment basis;

(b) if so, what is the response of Government to this proposal to conserve foreign exchange; and

(c) whether any decision has been taken in this regard and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) In their request to Indian Airlines for repairs, air taxi operators have *not* mentioned anything about payment in dollars.

(b) and (c) Indian Airlines is not in a position to provide maintenance support to private operators, at present, owing to constraint of personnel and infrastructure and need to pay undivided attention to ensure proper maintenance of its own fleet.